

UP-TO-DATE  
AND NEWSYR. Edgren's  
COLUMNWelsh is About as Fickle as the  
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It appears that Freddy Welsh is about as fickle as the ordinary run of champions. Not long ago Freddy took every chance to lambast Packey McFarland on the weight question and Willie Ritchie on the matter of appearing in "no decision" bouts. If Freddy didn't do this in person, it was done through his press agent. He tried to fasten the name "No Decision" Willie on Ritchie, who was then champion. Also he made numerous more or less sarcastic references to McFarland's little trick of weighing what he pleased in his bouts and forcing the other fellow to make weight. Before Freddy got into a position where he could get away with this stunt himself, it was regarded as a bad joke.

But now Freddy is forcing Joe Shugrue to make the lightweight limit for their ten-round bout Dec. 2, while Welsh himself is to "come in at catch-weight."

Just what this means may be imagined from a report published in some Western papers after the Welsh-White bout (in which, by the way, I am informed by people who saw it that Welsh fairly outclassed his man) that Welsh weighed 141 pounds.

If he is allowed to weigh 141 pounds against Shugrue, who must "make weight," he won't deserve much credit for his win. The weight in should be watched by responsible outside parties well acquainted with the vagaries of scales used for weighing fighters. In a number of instances the "official" representatives of the Boxing Commission have failed to have the weights of boxers correctly announced from the ring.

In one of McFarland's last bouts in this State he scaled exactly 144 pounds, and his weight was announced as 157½, if I remember right. Probably the quarter pound was put on to make it sound good.

SOME of the English papers are mentioning Bombardier Wells in a rather slighting manner because the Bombardier hasn't remained in the army and gone to the war. The writers on the other side seem to think that a trained fighting man should not be travelling around making money when he might be fighting for his country. Freddy Welsh has also been criticised for leaving England just when the demand for volunteers was becoming tremendous. But Welsh never was in the army, never had a military training, and if he went to the war would be just an ordinary soldier like a few hundred thousand others, whereas as a lightweight champion he is a person of some importance and is rapidly acquiring a fine young fortune. He had a hard known English boxer to their great and everlasting credit—have enlisted for the defense of their country. Among these is Tiger Smith, who was a second division a few years ago until he met Tommy Burns. Tiger Smith was in the British Indian army and won so many boxing bouts in India and in so many other countries that he bought his release from the service to go after the heavyweight title.

MILTON HENRY, the famous jockey, has just returned from a trip to France and England. Milton says that the Germans didn't have time to do much damage to his place at Chantilly. Paris is a live town until 9 P. M., when all lights go out and all cafes and public places are closed. London closed down at sunset, no lights being allowed in the streets or in the houses. He says that England will soon have conscription, as the Government is completing a census of all male citizens of military age.

Henry, like Garner and Kennedy, who were with him, thinks there will be no racing in Europe for two or three years, even if the war ends, because there'll be no money for sport. A number of the best French jockeys have been killed.

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Army Eleven Announces  
Line-Up for Navy Game

Both Teams Have Received  
Their Last Practice For To-  
Morrow's Battle in Philly.

WEST POINT, N. J., Nov. 27.—The Army had its final drill yesterday in preparation for the football game with the Navy at Philadelphia to-morrow. Fifteen

minutes for the variety and first string men was all the time spent, and the workout was principally on defensive formations for forward pass and drop kick plays, which the Navy is expected to use as a chief method of attack. There was no running through the signals for either team.

The line-up of the Army against the Navy to-morrow will be: McKean, center; O'Hare, left guard; Butler, left tackle; Neyland, left end; Merrill, right end; Wayland, right tackle; Meacham, right guard; Capt. Pritchard, quarterback; Conn, left halfback; Van Fleet, right halfback; and Hodgson, fullback.

ANAPOLIS, Md., Nov. 27.—Navy's football team had final practice on the home grounds yesterday afternoon in the presence of a host of visiting supporters. The work was light and not so strenuous as in previous days, the team being allowed to take a day's rest before the big game with the Army to-morrow. There were signal and formation drills and much play was taken by the coaches in rubbing the players' legs and arms with oil to prevent chafing from the rough spots in the surprise plays planned for the Army. The Navy squad, including substitutes, will leave Annapolis early to-day.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 27.—Lieut. Commander A. P. Fairfield, Secretary and Treasurer of the Navy Athletic Association, has requested the Pennsylvania committee to take drastic measures to discourage Army and Navy football tickets from getting into the hands of speculators. Detectives have been placed upon the streets, and have already secured the numbers of many tickets. For every one of these duplicate tickets has been issued.

"All persons are warned," reads a notice issued by the committee, "that every ticket for the Army and Navy football game in the hands of a speculator will be cancelled. The purchaser of such tickets will be deprived of the privilege of witnessing the game, and will be escorted from the grounds."

Some of the Holiday Bouts Furnish Surprises in Matter of Unexpected Knockouts.

Jack Britton and Soldier Barfield, the Brooklyn fighter, fought a hard ten-round draw at the Broadway Sporting Club of Brooklyn. Barfield was the aggressor. Britton avenged matters by scoring a knockout in the last jab in the Soldier's face in the sixth round. Britton did not put up his usual bout, which was probably due to his long lay-off. Wallace defeated Frankie Fleming in the semi-final.

Tom McCarthy, the Montana heavyweight, went up against Battling Levinsky at the Irving A. C. of Brooklyn. McCarthy made such a great showing that the latter had to go to top speed to get an even break. Sooner than expected the spectators Levinsky fought with an injured arm. McCarthy tore after Levinsky from the start, but the latter's ring generalship and his jabbing won him a draw.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 27.—Young Ahrens of New York defeated Buck Crouse of Pittsburgh in their six-round bout at the Olympia A. A. Club. Ahrens proved to be a speed marvel, completely mystifying the Pittsburgh slugger. He had a good left jab and a splendid right. His blocking was superb and baffled Crouse, who was unable to land a telling blow.

LOS ANGELES, Nov. 27.—Handicapped by a lameness and shoulder injury from foul fighting, Sam Langford knocked out Harry Wills in the fourth round. Twice Sam was knocked down in the very first round, and again in the second he was sent crashing to the canvas. Two left-hand blows to the chin ended Wills.

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Nov. 27.—Young Sharkey of New York outpointed Buddy Paulsen of Waterbury in a twelve-round bout last night at the Nassau Armory before a

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Stretched to Eleven Games  
For Benefit of Club Owners

Baseball Reporters and Players  
Only Factions Against New  
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stead of Four.

By Bozeman Bulger.

ALL those who lost money betting on Yale may now get even without even taking a risk. Take the bankroll along, catch some fellow unawares and place the whole was on the World's Series being stretched to eleven games instead of seven with prices reduced as proposed by Ban Johnson and Garry Herrmann. This can't lose. The only persons we know of against it are the players and possibly the baseball reporters, and neither faction has a vote.

Those who have voted "aye" already are the members of the National Commission, the owners of all the clubs in the National and American Leagues—and Harry Stevens.

There is no doubting the fact that a ball club would have a better chance of showing its real strength in eleven games than in seven, but that is not the only motive—though it was the only one mentioned—that actuated Ban Johnson and Garry Herrmann.

The crying need of eleven games is to give the club owners a chance to get a little of the gate money. And, in a way, that's nothing but right. At the same time the commission has decided to make it all right with the players by allowing them to share in the receipts of five games instead of four as in the past. This added game for the players is figured will offset the reduction in price of tickets.

Last fall the Athletics, though pennant winners, wound up the

season's financial loser. They did not get more than enough out of the series to pay the extra expenses of the big event. Besides that they had to give up twenty-five per cent. of the club share to the minkling fund of the American League.

The Athletics did not draw well at home all season and were a little lower in September, but Connie Mack had expected to make up this loss with the receipts of the series. As there were but four games played and the players got 60 per cent. of the receipts as well as salary, there was nothing doing.

Jim Gaffney, President of the Braves, went to so much expense in making preparation for the big series in the way of new stands, traveling expenses, the finest caterers, that he did not break even on the series, though his club made money during the regular season. The club took in more money of its own in the Labor Day double header with the Giants than it did in the entire World's Series, notwithstanding the fact that the Braves' ticket prices were at absolute capacity in both Boston and Philadelphia.

The new arrangement of eleven games makes it possible for the club owners to get a big piece of the money even though one club should win six straight games—which it won't.

The betting therefore is 100, 60 and 20 that every club owner says "Aye" when the proposition is submitted next month.

Again Mr. Johnson and Mr. Herrmann must be given credit for being a little cute in having a thing settled in the winter, just when every club thinks it might have a chance to be in the big series. If they had waited until the end of the season their efforts would have been drowned in a chorus of "Noes."

From a baseball point of view, the longer series has a big advantage in that it is a real test of strength. Among baseball people it always has been held that the winner of a seven-game series was not necessarily the best club. You know, the Yankees often have beaten the Athletics three out of four in a short series.

They have been accusing Jim Gilmore all along of being the best press agent in the country, but we never believed it until he sprang that one about negotiating with Tilly Shafer, formerly of the Giants. The "Return of Tilly" as a monthly recurring event has been a feature of the league too long for Gilmore to step in and grab it off like that.

One of the players involved disclosed the details of a proposed trade between the Yankees and Athletics. The American League president, Ban Johnson, is especially interested in the establishment of a strong team here, and is eager to have Connie Mack take Ray Caldwell in exchange for Rube Oldring and Jack Lapp. This trade is understood to be one of several Connie Mack has in mind in his reconstruction of the machine at Shibe Park.

Though Ban Johnson and Gov. Tener insist that the Federal League is dead they follow this with an announcement that they have protected ninety per cent. of their players' new contracts so they cannot legally jump.

PORTLAND, Me., Nov. 27.—The bout at the Pavilion A. C. last night between Ed Wood of Fall River and Jimmie Fasane of New York was stopped in the first round of the second bout, when Fasane's face was bleeding from a blow from Wood's swift left swing.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 27.—Burr Murray knocked out Sailor Ed Petrovsky in the second round of what was to have been a twenty-round bout. Petrovsky was knocked down for the count of nine in the first round.

PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 27.—Jack McCarron of Allentown outpointed K. O. Sweeney of New York in the wind-up at the National Club.

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Humiliation Comes to Life  
Suddenly and With  
Third Race.

RACE TRACK, HAVRE DE GRACE, Nov. 27.—There was no stake on the card for to-day, and two handicaps, one for two-year-olds and the other for older horses, served as the features. The fields were of good size in most of the races.

FIRST RACE.  
Selling; for all ages; one mile and seventy yards.—Hudas Brother, 100 (Smythe), 6 to 1, 2 to 1 and 7 to 1; first; Dangerous March, 115 (Trojan), 2 to 1, even and 1 to 2, second; Carroll Reid, 115 (Nicklaus), 13 to 1, 5 to 1 and 1 to 2, third. Time, 1:50. Corcoran, Oakhurst, Henry Hudson, Napier, Song of Valley, Penn Rock, Malay, Minda, Hypatia, Frost Royal, Eloro, Over the Sands, Alcott, King Rafter and Meekins also ran.

SECOND RACE.  
Handicap; for two-year-olds; five and a half furlongs.—Hanson, 100 (Butwell), 5 to 2, even and 1 to 1; won; Between Us, 112 (Amrose), 1 to 1, 3 to 1 and 5 to 5, second; Star-wart, 110 (Byrne), 4 to 1, 2 to 1 and 3 to 5, third. Time, 1:07. Lady Barbary, Saracen, Carlone, Ninety Simplex and All Saints also ran.

THIRD RACE.  
Selling; three-year-olds and up; mile and seventy yards.—Humiliation, 92 (Loudner), 1 to 1, 3 to 1 and 5 to 5, first; Hurakan, 94 (Lafferty), 3 to 1, 2 to 1 and 7 to 1, second; Progressive, 100 (Lafferty), 6 to 1, 3 to 1 and 2 to 3, third. Time, 1:45. Patsy Kegan, Sir John, Afterglow, Ray Light, Stride, Dr. Duenn, Canto, Ella Bryson, Towton Field and Stucco also ran.

FOURTH RACE.  
Handicap; for all ages; five and a half furlongs.—Kewessa, 111 (Byrne), 2 to 1, 4 to 5 and 1 to 2, first; True as Steel, 106 (Amrose), 4 to 1, 3 to 1 and 2 to 1, second; Montessor, 115 (McAhey), 7 to 1, 3 to 1 and even third. Time, 1:05. Frank, Water Lady and Yorkville also ran.

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